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# Weigh Recall Of Syria Envoy For Senate Quiz

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 21 —

The Senate Internal Security subcommittee today weighed recalling Robert C. Strong, acting American ambassador in Russian-controlled Syria, for questioning regarding his qualifications to handle the current crisis in view of his past Far East record.

Sen. Eastland (D.-Miss.), chairman, presented the committee with the testimony of Adm. Charles Cooke, USN (Ret.) and Brig. Gen. L. Joseph Fortier, USA (Ret.), regarding Strong.

Cooke testified that erroneous intelligence reports from Formosa in 1950 when Strong was U. S. Consul General there, played into the hands of the Chinese Communists.

## ANTICIPATED TROUBLE

Fortier testified that when he was director of the intelligence division of the Far East Command, under Gen. MacArthur, in 1950, he was forced to use a subterfuge to visit Formosa.

"I had anticipated that I would have trouble getting in," Fortier testified.

"Trouble from what source?" inquired the committee chairman, "from our authorities or from whom?"

"Through Robert Strong, who was our Consul General there," replied Fortier.

The subcommittee's desire to question Strong developed from a speech on the Senate floor some months ago by Sen. Jenner (R-Ind.), former chairman of the subcommittee during debate on the McClellan resolution.

Jenner referred to a group of State Department officers in China who spread false information and propaganda "helpful to the Communists during the critical years when the Communists were working busily to capture China and make it a satellite of the Soviet Union."

## QUOTES TESTIMONY

Jenner said Gen. Albert Wedemeyer, then commander in China, testified that he had four State Department advisers, John Service, John K. Davis, Raymond Ludden and John K. Emmerson and that if he had followed their advice China would have fallen to the Communists before it did.

"Their reports, said General Wedemeyer," Jenner asserted, "were strongly slanted in favor of Communist aims, contrary to fundamental American policy and harmful to our fighting ally, the Nationalist government."

Another member of the group, Jenner declared, was Robert C. Strong.

Jenner added:

"He was Consul-General in Taiwan in the critical year 1949 and was responsible for a mass of erroneous intelligence reports out of Formosa, unfriendly to Nationalist China and helpful to the Communists."

"He insisted on keeping all other members of American intelligence agencies off the island of Formosa, including General Fortier, the representative of General MacArthur, who was in charge of our forces in the Far East."

"Admiral Cooke knew some of the intelligence reports were wrong. He checked the information and found it was incorrect but the erroneous reports continued to be sent out..."

"Now here this Strong is now counsellor of Embassy for the U. S. at Damascus, Syria..."

"Raymond Ludden, whom General Wedemeyer included in the list of State Department officials who fought to help China, is today in the office of personnel of the State Department."